GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TRAIN SPEED
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering a proposal to increase the speed of some trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railway tracks have adequate capacity to bear the increased speed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds likely to be spent by the Railways for upgradation/ betterment of the railway tracks to increase the speed of the trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Nine corridors i.e. Delhi-Agra, Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Kanpur, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai, Mumbai-Goa, Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Chennai-Hyderabad & Nagpur-Secunderabad have been identified for raising the speeds of passenger trains to 160/200 kmph. The first passenger train at 160 kmph will be run from New Delhi to Agra.

(c): The limit of speed of trains is regulated in accordance with the classification of routes having particular type of track structure. The broad gauge (BG) lines on Indian Railways have been classified into six groups 'A' to 'E' on the basis of the future maximum permissible speed.

I. Group 'A'- Speeds upto 160 kmph

II. Group 'B'- Speeds upto 130 kmph

III. Group 'C'- Suburban section of Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi & Calcutta

IV. Group 'D' special & 'D'- Speeds upto 110 kmph

V. Group 'E'- Speeds upto 100 kmph.

(d): The total expenditure on upgradation works for Delhi-Agra section including fencing at vulnerable locations is estimated to be Rs. 16.35 crores.